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PROSPECTUS FOR THE SIXTH VOLUME.

If we are not mistaken,—and in this matter we have more than common faith,—we see the dawning of a bright day before us in agricultural, as well as in general improvements among mankind, the splendor of whose coming meridian is destined far to outshine any other era that has hitherto gone before our race; and in a vastly swifter ratio of progress as to the time that will bring it to pass. Corruscations of quick beaming light are flitting about ou rwatchful eyes, in the fields of science and art, such as it has never been the fortune of those who "have been and are gone" before us, to witness and to wonder at. Not only are men of learning, and eager pursuers of information, extending their interested vision, and exercising their understandings in a more unusual degree than in former ages, in investigations of real utility and profitable advantage based upon science; but the less enlightened and more sluggish minds of the comparatively uneducated masses,—of the brow-sweating tillers of the soil,—are piercing through the gloom of ignorance and prejudice, and pressing forward on the great high road of knowledge and improvement. *Book Farming*, as it is called, or more properly speaking, the recorded results of practical experience, through the medium of literary works, (by no means without errors and much imperfection though,) are beginning to penetrate some of the darkest recesses of this earth's indwellings. It is evident, indeed, that books of science, and particularly on agricultural and horticultural subjects, are fast finding favor in the public mind: and publishers have not the same reason as formerly to reject manuscripts of this description, as likely to be as unprofitable to them as the expenses of printing and paper, etc. and the want of public patronage and sunk capital could make them. That this is a right view of the matter, we have only to point to the number of agricultural and horticultural standard works, as well as periodicals, that are rising up everywhere around us. We have only to observe some of the plain and once stationless farmers, bending forward their listening ears and eager gaze to those gleams of scientific light, the results of which they perceive are so advantageous in practice to their more fortunate neighbors, who have availed themselves of their benefits. In view of all this, then, and to wind up more briefly our introductory remarks, and in somewhat of nautical phraseology too, not to be behind in the onward race, (nor to flee the track either,) notwithstanding our unremunerated expenditures of health, time and money, we will here merely state, that the formerly much weather-beaten, but now of late fully repaired and sea-worthy old vessel, the Western Farmer and Gardener, (mind we do not call her the "*Great Western*,") is prepared to put out of port, completely rigged and equipped with the necessary stores, etc., and ready to undergo, in the progress of her sixth voyage, (or volume,) all the vicissitudes of wind and weather, calms and storms, tossings or tornadoes, which it may be either her good or bad fortune to meet with in her onward course. All we request of you, kind passenger, (or reader,) is not to overlook the patronizing of the once sometimes tempest-reeling, but still tight old ship, loaded with a good freight, and ready at all times, as far as her tonnage will admit of, to take in additional cargo and passengers from time to time, as your good pleasure may see fit to entrust her with. In other words, and in more plain and publisher-like language, we shall be most happy, good readers and agriculturists, ploughers of the land and not of the sea, to receive your names as subscribers (not forgetting the dollar!) to the *Sixth Volume* of the Western Farmer and Gardener, the *First Number* of which will be ready for delivery on the *First of September*, proximo. The Horticultural Department will still continue to claim our great attention; and the colored edition of fruits, flowers, etc., will be continued. All the back volumes (uncolored edition,) can be obtained,—the three first at the price of *Two Dollars*, and the two last, containing all the proceedings, facts, correspondence, and discoveries, of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, from its commencement, which will be continued in the sixth volume, for *One Dollar* each volume. The *colored edition* will still be *Two Dollars* per year, or volume. Subscriptions to be paid invariably in advance.

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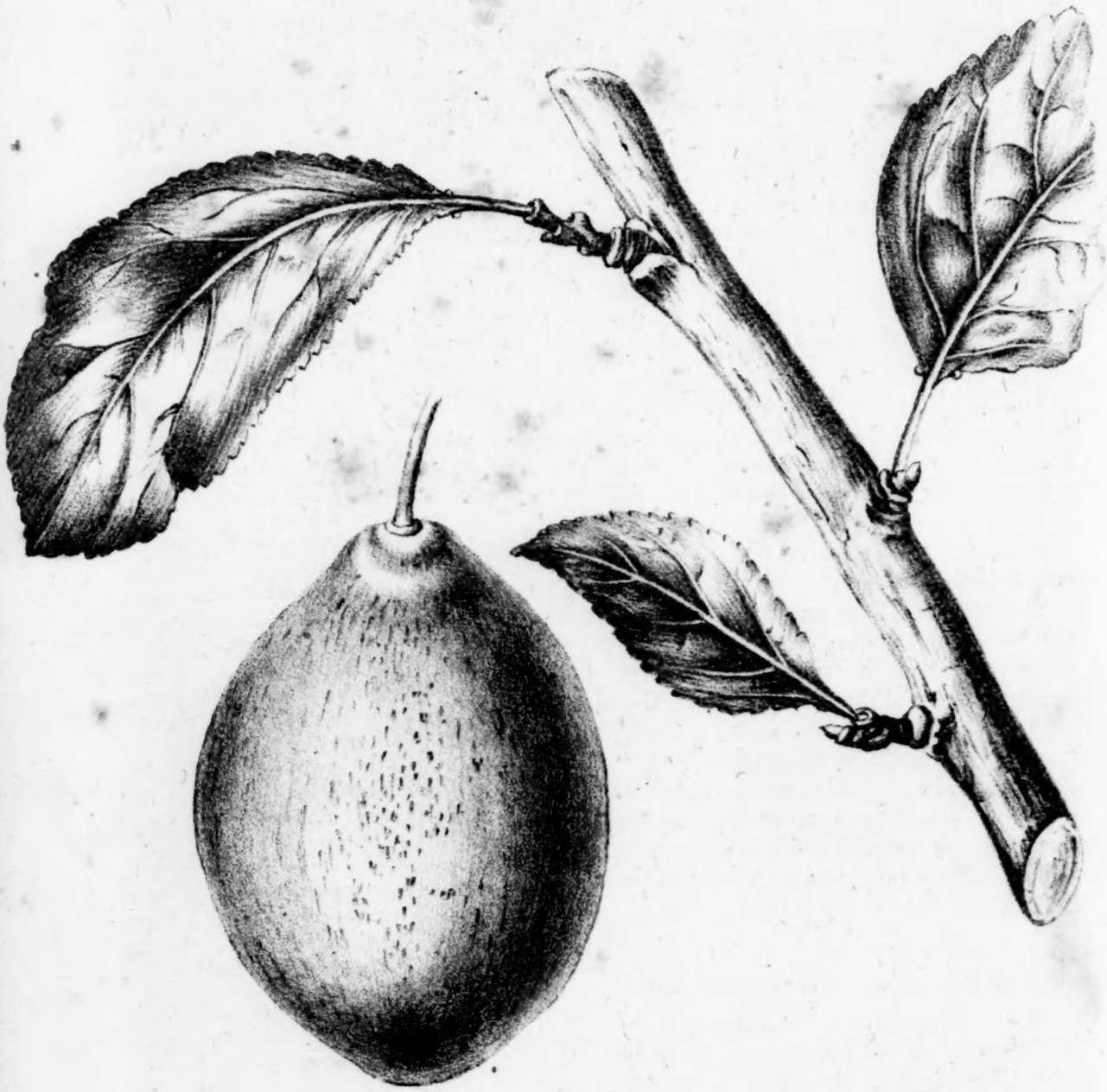

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